

WALTONIANS ENJOY ANNUAL BANQUET

While the attendance at the annual Isaac Walton banquet last week Thursday night wasn't very large, those who were present enjoyed a fine dinner and a pleasant evening.

Preparations were made for about sixty people but only thirty attended. Huge platters of delicious chicken, biscuits, vegetables and other "trimmings" appeared on each table and all were invited to speed up on the eat. And the huskies certainly got a "tummy" full. It is said that belt buckles flew in every direction and some claim that they heard the ripping of skin in a few instances. Well the dinner was delicious and appetizing and fully enjoyed by the sportsmen. It was put on by the "Try It" club and served by its genial proprietor, "Dad" Hanson, and his assistants. At each place at the table were beautiful chrysanthemums, complimentary by the Grayling Greenhouse.

President Philip G. Zalsman started the ball rolling and many interesting talks were given and matters discussed pertaining to the matter of game conservation. It was quite strongly advocated that the season on partridge be closed for a period of two years.

Two very interesting motion picture reels depicting wild life in many phases were shown. The evening was finished with "experience" stories by those present and some very interesting yarns were spun—all true, of course.

President Zalsman was quite disappointed at the small attendance and wonders if the local sportsmen are no longer interested. The League is one of the finest organizations in America and we believe that the people are deeply interested in general and that this was one of those off days that all organizations have to endure occasionally. The Chapter should continue to be strong and active as its influence in this region, the very heart of the fishing and hunting region of the State, is seriously needed.

HUNTING PARTY GETS INTO TROUBLE

Warrants have been issued against C. A. (Doc) Sackrider of Uxosse, and Capt. John Fagan of the State Department of Public Safety and Mr. McVay of Lansing charging them with violation of the game laws. The complaints were made by Deputy State Game Warden Speck.

The men were hunting deer and were in camp near Smith bridge in South Branch township. Mr. Speck found two fawn deer hung up in the brush across the river from the camp and when confronted by the game warden, Sackrider admitted that he had shot one of the deer. Capt. Fagan and Mr. McVay are not ready to plead guilty to the charge and it is believed will stand trial.

Attorney General Elect W. W. Potter of Lansing was also a member of the hunting party but claims to have had nothing to do with the violations. Others in the party were Fred Grimes, correspondent for the Detroit News, Homer Rutledge, former State Fire Marshal, of Roscomon, and Capt. Olander, commissioner in the State Department of Public Safety. It is expected that the defendants will appear before Justice Kraus some time this week for arraignment.

What ever became of the old-fashioned girl who, at this time of the year, had a dresser drawer full of dollies and fancy work prepared for Christmas giving?

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CONGRESS IN SESSION

As a matter of record, the following statement of the political condition of the Congress which met December 6th, and the Congress which comes into being March 4th, 1927, may prove of interest. In the Congress which just met December 6th, in the senate there were 58 Republicans, 42 Democrats, and 1 Farmer Labor. In the House there were 247 Republicans, 182 Democrats, three Farmer Labor, and 2 Socialists.

There is also one vacancy in the 12th Illinois District owing to the death of Charles E. Fuller.

The 70th Congress which begins March 4, 1927, will have the following political status, in the Senate 48 Republicans, 47 Democrats and 1 Farmer Labor. In the House 238 Republicans, 194 Democrats, 2 Farmer Labor, and 1 Socialist.

HIGH SCHOOL QUINSET LOSES TO MACKINAW CITY

Visitors Hold Locals to 8 Points and Make 18

The High School basketball season opened here Friday night with the locals losing to Mackinaw City 18 to 8. Grayling took the first period 4 to 1, and added two more in the second while the opponents increased their score to five. Mackinaw came from behind in the third period and annexed seven points and held the locals to two. This ended Grayling's scoring, the visiting guards putting up a strong interference.

Grayling out-played and out-pointed their opponents in the first two periods. Mackinaw City found the basket in the last half and, with some good passing, scored the extra margin of points. Capt. Brady of the locals appeared unduly agitated during the last half which not only slowed up his own playing, but that of his team mates as well.

Grayling's line-up was as follows: F.—Brady, Capt. F.—Schroeder. C.—N. Stephan. G.—H. Lagrow. G.—C. Wiley.

Subs: L. Stephan, A. Stephan, S. Stephan, Elmer Neal, J. Smith, E. Lovely, E. Fenton, Carl Speck. Referee: Roy Milnes. Timekeeper: Amos Hunter. Scorer: Don Reynolds.

BECKMAN-REGAN

It was a happy affair Tuesday evening when Frank Beckman and Mrs. Sarah Regan were united in marriage at the home of the bride near the South Side school, and in the presence of immediate relatives of the bride. Mr. Walter Cowell, brother of the bride, was best man and Mrs. Cowell the bridesmaid. Justice O. P. Schumann officiated.

Mr. Beckman came to Grayling last spring from Detroit to accept position in the Walter Cowell barber shop. He is recognized as one of the best barbers Grayling has ever had and, in the brief time he has been here, has made a lot of good friends. Mrs. Beckman is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Turner, and sister of Walter and John Cowell, all of this city.

After the marriage ceremony a wedding supper was served. It was a fine large family circle that gathered about the festive board to enjoy together with Mr. and Mrs. Beckman their first feast as life partners.

Those in attendance at the wedding were as follows: Mrs. Elmer E. Gamble and children, Arnold, Steenrod, Kathryn, Elsie, Ruth and Florence, all of Jackson; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wisner and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Regan of Flint, Franklin C. and Harry M. Regan and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckman will reside for the present at the home of the bride on the South Side. Most hearty congratulations and best wishes are extended Mr. and Mrs. Beckman.

WOMAN'S CLUB NOTES

The Club met at the home of Miss Isa Granger Monday evening, Dec. 6th.

After the business meeting Mrs. Roy Milnes, accompanied by Mrs. Enid Ciesler at the piano, sang two very delightful numbers, which added much to the pleasure of the evening.

Miss Hazel Cassidy was literary director for the evening and gave a short talk on Ralph Waldo Emerson and Eugene Field. Miss Beatrice Cottle read and discussed Emerson's "Each and All." Miss Cassidy read and discussed Emerson's "Concord Hymn" and "The Snowstorm." She closed the program with two recitations from Field—"The Duel," a rather humorous number and "Little Boy Blue," quite the reverse, but nevertheless loved by all.

L. N. L. HELD ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Ladies National League held their annual election of officers at their regular meeting Wednesday evening, of last week. The following are the names of the officers and by whom they will be filled:

President—Mrs. Lillie Pankow. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Hattie Mosher. 2nd. Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Elsie LaMotte.

Treasurer—Mrs. Pearl Matthews. Secretary—Mrs. Bertha Williams. Chaplain—Mrs. Julia Cline. Marshal—Mrs. Emma Knibbs. Asst. Marshal—Mrs. Anna Chalker. Sentinel—Mrs. Lillie Beck. Picket—Mrs. Lura Collins.

The President's Message



SANTA CLAUS COMING TO GRAYLING

WILL BE HERE WEDNESDAY EVENING, DEC. 22ND

The Masonic Big Brothers have invited Santa to come to Grayling a little before Christmas this year and he has kindly consented to do so. A wireless was received from the North Pole several days ago stating he is preparing a whopping big load of presents and good things especially for the kiddies of Grayling.

Among other things, Santa especially requested that all the kiddies between the ages of four and twelve inclusive, be gathered together and given a good big dinner just before he arrives as he thinks they will enjoy much better what he has in store for them if all their tummies

are good and full.

This plan met with instant approval so every single boy and girl in town between above ages will receive a special written invitation to be at the Masonic Temple at five o'clock, Wednesday evening, December 22nd, where they will be stuffed full of turkey, dressing and all the other fixins' including ice cream 'n' everything.

All little tots up to four years will be invited to come right after dinner. Santa expects to arrive shortly after six and he will have something nice, we are sure, to give every boy and girl before they go home.

If, by any chance, any little boy or girl's invitation should be lost in the mail or mislaid, it is hoped he or she will be on hand anyway, as all are to be invited, regardless of religion, creed, sect or whatnot.

Remember the date, kiddies, and be sure and not eat too much that day so you will have lots of room to stow away all the good things. You know Santa likes to see little folks eat a whole lot when he is around.

CHURCH HOLDS TEACHERS SERVICE

Nearly four hundred people gathered at the Michelson Memorial church last Sunday evening to enjoy the special service held for the teachers and officers of the Crawford county public schools. A special invitation had been issued to all the officers and teachers of the county and a large number responded to the invitation to be present, many coming from several miles out in the country. The Grayling High School orchestra played a number of pleasing selections before the service opened and several numbers during the service. The Frederic High School orchestra was to have been present but owing to unforeseen difficulties they were unable to be here.

Rev. Davidson, of the local Free Methodist church, made the opening prayer, after which Dr. Goslow gave the address of welcome, stressing the hope that the public schools and the church would ever be united in seeking the best for the youth of the county. Prof. B. E. Smith, Superintendent of the Grayling schools, responded with well chosen remarks, and thanked the pastor and church for making possible such a service.

Prof. Payne, of Frederic, Commissioner of Crawford County Schools, was to have spoken on "What the School can Expect of the Church," but due to a couple of severe falls on the ice and consequent injuries it was impossible for him to be present.

Rev. Baughn, Pastor of the Michelson Memorial church, then spoke on "My teacher and I." He stressed the importance of the work of the public school teacher, the opportunities and the responsibilities that are her's or his. He stressed the necessity of the church and school working together as well as the teacher and the minister.

The last address was given by Rev. C. E. Peterson of the Congregational Church of Roscomon. He spoke on "What the Church has a Right to Expect of the School." In his opening remarks Rev. Peterson gave some appalling figures on the

number of children in the country that lack religious training of any kind. He quoted authentic figures to show that a high percentage of our criminals, and the inmates of reformatories, come from those who have either had no religious training in their youth, or very young in life have lost the advantage of such training. He went on to tell of an experiment he assisted in carrying out in giving religious training in the public school, speaking of the advantages of such methods as well as the disadvantage and danger of the methods used. He then told of plans that have since been worked out which make possible religious training during the week wherein a couple of hours have been set aside for such training and those who wish to take advantage of it are allowed to spend that time in the church of their choice under able instructors, the time so spent being credited to their regular school work.

Rev. Peterson spoke very ably on the subject and created a great deal of interest in the ideas advanced.

In all it was felt that the service was a most enjoyable as well as a very profitable one and it is to be hoped that this will by no means be the last of such services in which the church and school may come to understand each other better.

THE NEW CHURCH LIBRARY FORTHCOMING

When the children of the Primary department of the Michelson Memorial Sunday school are in need of any equipment, they remember that the Lord helps those who help themselves, and they set to work. After the disastrous fire of the other church building, they were in need of many things. One afternoon in April 1925, the children, with the help of their mothers and teachers held a tag and bake sale, and before night they had one hundred dollars to put in the bank—more than they had even dreamed of. With this they purchased kindergarten chairs and tables, a book case and other necessary articles.

At the present time the object toward which they are working is to replace the library books which were nearly all lost in the fire. The department has recently bought a new lapulium roll blackboard, and the following books which are the nucleus for a new library:

The Mother-Teacher of Religion, by Betts.

Good Night Stories.

Fire-side Stories for Girls in Their Teens, Eggleston.

The Boy and His Gang, by Puffer.

Chalk Talks with Boys and Girls, by Wood.

Good Times for Girls, Moxey.

The Girl in Her Teens, Slaters.

Around the Camp Fire With the Old Boys.

Old Mother Westwind.

Honsinger.

The Beginner's Worker and Work, Beard.

Primary Programs, Thomas.

The Worker's Conference, Heron.

A Study of Child Nature, Harrison.

Four of these books are from the old Sunday School library, having been in the homes of members at the time of the fire. One has been donated. These books may be used by any member of the Sunday School or church or by parents who are interested. Some of the books are being chased especially for parents, and it is hoped they will avail themselves of this opportunity. More books will be added as funds permit. Rules governing this library will be similar to those of the town library.

WATCH BABY GROW

The growth of a boy or girl from babyhood makes an interesting study for one who is willing to keep an accurate record of sizes, weights and heights.

During the first year the average baby grows about nine inches. If this rate were kept up for ten years, the schoolboy of ten would be over eight feet tall, and a giant in the making.

During the second year, however, baby grows only three or four inches, and gradually decreases his growth per year from then on until he attains his full height around his twenty-fifth year.

As for weight, boys make their greatest gain in their sixteenth or seventeenth year, while girls put on pounds more noticeably in their fourteenth. Incidentally, although little boys and young men are stronger than girls and young women of their age, girls from eleven to seventeen are physically able to handle boys of their age.

From now until April neither boy nor girl will gain much weight or height. When April comes they will begin to sprout upwards again like a little tree, but not until hot weather will they begin to add weight quickly.

MODERN MERCHANDISING

The reason that shelves are not loaded down with goods, the reason that merchants' money is not tied up with large stocks, the reason the consumer does not have to pay extra prices because of the tying up of stocks, the reason why merchandise throughout the country, even in the distant small town stores, is "up-to-date"—the reason for all this is simply that the railroads now carry goods so quickly that it is no longer necessary to load up with a season's goods at a time.

BAKED POTATOES WITH BACON

4 potatoes.
6 slices bacon, fried crisp and chopped. Select medium-sized potatoes. Scrub thoroughly. Cut a slice from each end and bake in a hot oven until soft. Cut in halves and scoop out the insides, taking care not to break the shells. Mash with a fork and mix lightly with the bacon. Season with a little pepper. Salt, if required. Refill the shells. Return to the oven for five minutes to reheat and serve immediately.

GRAYLING TO DEBATE WEST BRANCH

West Branch High School on the affirmative will debate Grayling High school on the negative in Grayling this evening.

The subject of the debate is, "Resolved, That the United States Government Should Own the Coal Mines."

The team that will represent our high school in this debate is being coached by Miss T. Jean Swinton, who is a member of our high school faculty.

On this same date, December 10th, 230 high schools of the state, (all members of the Michigan High School Debating League,) will meet in 115 debates in which 690 high school pupils will participate. The subject of all these debates will be "Resolved, That the United States Government Own the Coal Mines."

These debates on December 10th will be the second of the four Preliminary Debates sponsored by the Michigan High School Debating League. The remaining two Preliminary Debates will be held on the following dates: Third—January 14th, 1927. Fourth—February 11th, 1927.

After the 230 high schools have participated in these four Preliminary Debates, the schools with the highest records will enter the Elimination Series of debates. These Elimination Series will, by successive debates, eliminate all schools except two which will come to Ann Arbor for the final State Championship Debate in May.

Reports just received from the first Preliminary Debates held on November 19th in which the 230 high schools participated, indicate an almost even break between 'affirmative' and 'negative' victories throughout the state.

These reports also indicate a greater interest in debating than ever before as the first Preliminary Debates were attended by more than 25,000 people of the state.

The Michigan High School Debating League was organized by the Board of Regents of the University of Michigan in 1917, and this year begins its tenth year of activity.

The Michigan High School Debating League is the largest organization of its kind in the United States.

SECOND LYCEUM NUMBER ENJOYED

The second number on the Lyceum course, given under the auspices of the Epworth League was very much enjoyed by many at the Michelson Memorial church, Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wells delighted their large audience with their prelude of musical numbers, following with their three-act dramatic feature "Atomment," which was written especially for them by Herbert Thomas. The play was especially fine, teaching a wonderful lesson and showing the everlasting devotion of a true wife and mother. It was very real and cleverly acted by Mr. and Mrs. Wells, who both displayed beautiful personalities.

MASONS ATTENTION

The Annual Election of Officers will take place Thursday evening, December 16th, the election having been postponed December 2nd. Every member kindly make it a special order of business to be present.

Carl W. Peterson, Secretary.

Our Anniversary

About one year ago new electric lines came snapping and cracking into Grayling and all the North country was alive with electric energy. The never failing slave to humanity was here ready to do our bidding. Many Grayling homes have taken advantage of privilege of electricity. In celebration of this first birthday we are making a special

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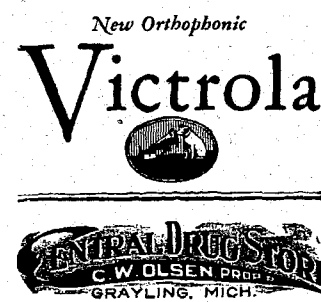
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1926

3 BILLION DOLLAR CONGRESS.

The annual expenses of the Federal government now approximate about \$3,000,000,000—a very large sum of money; but some fifteen billions less than 1918. Of this annual budget, the three largest items are: \$865,000,000 for interest on the public debt, \$559,000,000 care of disabled soldiers; \$472,000,000 for the sinking fund; \$344,000,000 for the army; \$338,000,000 for the navy; \$217,000,000 for Civil and Spanish war pensions. The balance goes for ordinary expenses of the three branches of the Federal government with the many Commissions, Bureaus and independent establishments.

The annual expenditures of the Federal government now, in peacetime, is approximately three times what it was before the World War.

Local News

All kinds of hand made Christmas gifts at the Blanch Beauty Shoppe.

Mrs. John Guggenberger of Gaylord was in Grayling Wednesday to consult a physician.

Mrs. Liland Smock and baby, Robert Charles, were dismissed from Mercy hospital Saturday.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. McCann have moved from the Simpson house, to the Balhoff house on Michigan avenue.

A beautiful basket of fruit will be given away by St. Mary's Altar society at Mac & Gidley's Saturday afternoon.

St. Mary's Altar society are preparing for a Christmas party for the children of the congregation, to take place during the yuletide.

The Ladies National League will hold their regular social meeting at the American Legion hall, Wednesday evening, December 15.

The annual election of officers of Grayling Masonic lodge was postponed from last week Friday to Thursday night, December 16th.

Cabaret party and dance, Thursday night, Dec. 16 at Temple theatre. Admission: Gents \$1; ladies 50 cents. Balcony for spectators 35 cents.

Your daily cup of coffee would be ever so much more delicious if you served coffee cream gotten at the Grayling Creamery every day.

Our coats must be closed out, at prices regardless of cost from now until Christmas, at The Gift Shop. Redson & Cooley.

Archie Cripps is taking a vacation from his duties as clerk at the Burke garage and left Monday for Ada, O., to visit relatives until after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Feldhauser of Maple Forest township have moved to Lovells, where they are caretakers of the Underhill club on the North Branch.

Rev. Leisman of Gaylord and little daughter were in the city Wednesday to confer with the doctors. The little Miss is recovering nicely from an operation.

Charles DeWaele, cashier of the Roscommon Bank, is a patient at Mercy hospital, receiving treatment for a siege of stomach trouble. He was a former resident of Grayling.

Coats, beautiful fur collar and cuffs, at less than cost at The Gift Shop. Redson & Cooley.

Homemade candy and popcorn can be purchased from the Home Guards at the Woman's Home Missionary society sale on Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, at the Michelson Memorial church.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Goodall left Monday for Asheville, North Carolina to spend the winter. Mr. and Mrs. Goodall were fortunate in securing Mr. and Mrs. John Brockman to look after their place during their absence.

Mrs. James W. Sorenson had the misfortune to fall on the icy walk Friday forenoon, breaking her left arm and severely bruising her right arm, so that it also is in splints. She is getting along as well as may be expected.

Col. LeRoy Pearson, quartermaster general of this state and Michigan custodian of a Federal property used by the National Guard, and Col. Burt of the Regular army, were here last of last week checking over the property at the Military reservation. Col. Burt succeeds Col. Hawkins, who for a number of years was senior instructor of Michigan National guard.

The National Tuberculosis association, "One of the least known but most significant types of work carried on today through the sale of the tuberculosis Christmas seals, is in the field of scientific research, research through which it is hoped that the tubercle bacillus will one day give up the secret of its conquest over man, to be conquered in its turn. The Christmas seals you buy help to further this research."

Toys are being sold at the L. J. Kraus Estate hardware store at half price. Call and make your selection at this big reduction.

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Children thrive on Blue Bird bread because of its high nutritive value.

Highest prices paid for furs. Carl Parsons, at Landsberg's Store, 12-2-3

Get toys for the kiddies for Christmas at the Kraus hardware store at one-half off regular price.

Howard Peterson returned home Friday from Lovells, where he had been a guest at the Douglas home for a week.

Russell Peterson, Carlyle Brown, Emerson Hoeshl and Lester Olson have been camping on Big Creek for a week.

Buy World's Star hosiery and "Klean Knit" underwear. Special prices now. Mrs. Jas. McDonnell, local representative.

Mrs. Daniel Babbitt and son Arnold returned home Monday from a ten days visit with relatives in Detroit and Toledo.

Fifteen more days until Christmas. Do your shopping early at the Woman's Home Missionary sale tomorrow, Friday afternoon, Dec. 10.

Miss Ida Canfield invites you to a dancing party at her home in Beaver Creek Saturday evening, December 11th. Come and have a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilbur accompanied their daughter Mrs. Geo. Wendt and children to their home in Bay City Tuesday. They had been visiting here over Thanksgiving.

A number of friends of Mrs. Albert Knibbs gave her a pleasant surprise party Monday evening, it being her birthday anniversary. Cards were enjoyed and a pot luck lunch served late in the evening.

In our Perfume stock you will find many well known brands: Caron's, Coty's, Pivers', Houbigant's, Yardley's and others. Prices from 25c an ounce and up.

Central Drug Store.

Mrs. Hugh McMillan of Chicago is expected this week to be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Ben Sherman, expecting to remain until after Christmas. She will take her little daughter, Phyllis Katherine back with her.

We note in the marriage license column of Sunday's Detroit Free Press the names of Miss Grace Loader and Mr. Claude Hazel. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Loader, former well known residents of Grayling, but now of Detroit.

The sale of fancy work and aprons of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will take place in the dining room of the Michelson Memorial church tomorrow afternoon, Dec. 10th. A cafeteria lunch will be served during the afternoon and evening. Music by the orchestra.

There will be surprises for the children inside of the snowballs to be purchased at the Woman's Home Missionary sale on Friday afternoon, Dec. 10th. Buy a snowball at ten or fifteen cents and see what it contains. It will be worth the money you paid for the snowball.

The following lunch will be served tomorrow, Friday, in the dining room of the Michelson Memorial church by the Woman's Home Missionary society from three to seven p. m.: Hot buttered rolls, coffee, tea, Spanish rice, cake and fruit jello, the jello being served by the Queen Esther.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wright (Effie Sherman), Mr. and Mrs. Otto Seidel (Emma Sherman), little Betty Lee, daughter of Leon Sherman, all of Detroit, returned Sunday to their homes after spending the Thanksgiving holidays with their mother Mrs. Ben Sherman, who lives on Chestnut street.

To complete your laundry, have a Thor ironer—call 292 for demonstration.

It has become necessary to add two extra teachers to the corps in the Primary department of the Michelson Memorial Sunday school, so now there will be seven classes instead of five as has always been before. The first Beginner's class, children four years of age and under, has an enrollment of thirty-six, hence the necessity of dividing the class. Also the third Primary class has an enrollment of twenty-six and is in need of two teachers. The Sunday School board and others are very happy over this condition.

On Saturday, about 6:30 p. m. the football boys of the Grayling High school were given a "visitation feed" by Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Burnham at their home. Mrs. Burnham had prepared a real banquet for the boys, and proved herself an adept along this line. Mr. Burnham did his share by furnishing the venison, the result of his recent hunting expedition. The boys will long remember not only the good eats which are so dear to them, but rather the spirit which prompted this fine invitation to dine. Mr. Burnham has very ably guided them thru a successful football season.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thomas have announced the opening party of a series of Cabaret parties and dances to be held in Temple theatre this winter. The first party is scheduled to be given Thursday night, December 16th. They promise one big night of gaiety and fun with balloons, confetti and noisemakers. Special numbers are to include balloon dance, block dance, serpentine dance and moonlight waiters. Music will be furnished by Schram's Ramblers. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas came from New York City, where they were with the Belmont Assembly parlors. They have for several years past been the caretakers of Oxbow club on the South Branch river. They decided they would like to remain in Grayling for the winter and are putting on these parties in order to keep busy. They promise some very attractive affairs for the pleasure and entertainment of the people of Grayling and neighboring cities.

The new Fanchon line of fine toilet requisites is now on display. Drop in and look it over. It is real nice. Central Drug Store.

Don't forget to look over the hand embroidered Christmas gifts at the Blanch Beauty Shoppe.

Drop in and see the new Fanchon toilet goods. We have them. Central Drug Store.

Electric appliances are modern and appropriate gifts. See them on display at Grayling Electric show room.

Dada, I have got to have a pair of rubbers, where shall I go to get them. Try the Bargain Store, at Dreese's old stand.

The Woman's Home Companion sells for \$1 and the McCall's magazine for \$1, or both for \$2. We will offer a year's subscription of both the Woman's Home Companion and McCall's magazine for \$1 with every new or renewal subscription of the Avalanche. This offer is for a short time only and may be withdrawn at any time.

Crawford Avalanche.

Members of the Village Council were guests Monday evening of the local American Legion Post, it being the regular meeting night for both organizations. Delicious hot cream soups and the trimmings were served the guests, after which they played cards. It is usual for the Post to have refreshments at each meeting but a few weeks ago at one meeting lunch was omitted. On that very evening, one of the council members, who is also a member of the Legion invited the Council members over to the Legion hall for lunch, and to his dismay when they arrived found they were serving none. However something to eat was hustled from one of the restaurants, and the evening turned out to be an enjoyable one anyway. Monday evening the Post members determining to make good, made preparations and invited the Council members to be their guests after their regular meeting.

Plain and fancy outing flannel 36 inches wide, 19c per yard, at the Bargain Store, Dreese's old stand.

I am CLEANING and PRESSING SUITS. Prices reasonable. Miss M. Harder, on Clare St. near

TO THE PUBLIC
Santa Claus is a little short of funds this year so every one is invited to help him a bit with the expense, which will be quite a sum. John Bruun is the Chairman of the Committee on subscriptions and should be inadvertently miss you, please hand him whatever you wish any time during the day at the Saling Hanson Company office. Masonic Big Brothers of Grayling.

LOVELLS NEWS
Mrs. E. Kellogg was a caller in Grayling Saturday.

Mrs. Roger Caid's father and mother have come from Lewiston to spend the winter with her.

The Pedro Club was entertained Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nephew. Miss Ruth Stillwagon and her mother, Mrs. Clarence Stillwagon drew cuts for lady's first prize, Mrs. Stillwagon winning. Gentleman's first prize was won by John Rowe. Consolation prizes were given to Mrs. Mike McCormick and Bill Caid.

The friends of Charles Papenfuss are sorry to hear that he is ill with pneumonia at Mercy Hospital.

Clifton Anstey has returned to Ashley after spending two weeks here hunting.

John Haric was in Lewiston last week on business.

Bud Long of Detroit was at "The Paradise Cabin" for a few days.

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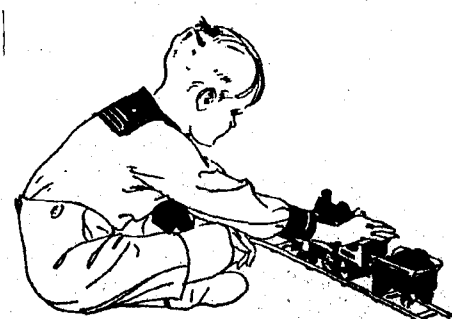
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THE STORY

CHAPTER I—With her baby sister, Lydia, Lydia returns from play to the little home of her impoverished father, Amos Dudley, at Lake City. Her father's friend, and her own devoted admirer, John Levine, after discussing Amos with Dudley, makes up his mind to go into politics.

CHAPTER II—Lydia, Pattence and a companion, Kent Moulton, playing by the lake, are accosted by an old squaw from the nearby reservation. Lydia gives her food. Margery, small daughter of Dave Marshall, the town's blacksmith, joins them. Her play partner, Lydia, is pulled out, unharmed but frightened, and taken home by Lydia and Kent. Her father calls on Amos to complain, blaming Lydia for the mishap.

CHAPTER III—Lydia explains the accident and her father's reaction. She is not a popular playmate. Marshall arranges for Lydia to teach Margery to swim and otherwise become one of the crowd. Levine tells Amos his plan to take Lydia to the reservation. Lydia is ultimately have it opened for settlement. From an older boy, Billy Norton, Lydia gets a pair of rubber ducks, and despite their poverty the Dudleys have a Christmas feast.

CHAPTER IV—Patience succumbs to an attack of diphtheria, leaving Lydia feeling that God is punishing her. Amos, who has lost his small world has collapsed. Lydia is comforted in the loving kindness of John Levine. Lydia learns that a note of Amos, backed by Levine and held by Marshall, is due and cannot be met. The child with Marshall and for her sake he agrees to renew the note.

CHAPTER V—Orleaving for the loss of little Patience, Lydia's health fails. Levine, understanding the situation, gives her a pup, which the lonely child takes to her heart. Lydia enters high school, where she at once realizes that her home-made dress and general appearance of poverty set her apart from her better-dressed companions. She attends a party given by her teacher, Miss Towne. The other girls, smartly dressed, make fun of her makeshift costume.

CHAPTER VI—Levine is elected sheriff. A sixteen-year-old Indian boy, Charlie Jackson, tells Lydia of numerous wrongs done him and his people by Marshall and Levine. Lydia defends her friend vigorously. Meeting Levine in Lydia's house, Charlie Jackson threatens and endeavors to attack him.

CHAPTER VII—Levine is shot by an unseen assassin. Recovering at the Dudley cottage, he learns that the extent of Lydia's loneliness and her shaken faith in God. The man and girl enter into a compact to start a "search for God" together. Levine recovers, begins his campaign for congress.

CHAPTER VIII—Lydia is unable to drive the hatred of Levine from her heart and, despite herself, her faith in her old friend is shaken by the young Indian's stories. Levine has long realized that despite their disparity in age he is passionately in love with the young girl.

CHAPTER IX—Levine is triumphant in his campaign for congress. Lydia earns enough money selling fudge to go camping with Charlie, Kent, Margery and two school friends, Custard Bach and a girl named Olga. Miss Towne's chaperons them.

CHAPTER X—Walking with Kent in the woods, Lydia witnesses a meeting of Levine and some halfbreeds. Their conversation convinces Lydia that "Charlie has been right in accusing Levine of plotting to rob the Indians."

CHAPTER XI—A visit from the old squaw whom Lydia had befriended long ago causes Charlie to tell more of Marshall's and Levine's thievery. Lydia promises to talk to Levine. Billy Norton makes a boyish proposal of marriage to Lydia, who rebuffs him. In her talk with Levine the man avers his methods are lawful and really best for the Indians. The girl is only half convinced.

CHAPTER XII—Charlie tells Lydia his father was killed by halfbreeds at the instigation of Levine and she is miserable at the thought. The family poverty also weighs heavily on her. She is elected class valedictorian. Billy Norton takes her to the senior ball, where she has her first girlish "wonderful time."

CHAPTER XIII—Congress passes Levine's bill for the opening of the reservation. At the celebration of the event the Indians, Levine and she are disturbed by a disturbance. Billy Norton saves Lydia from harm. Amos arranges to get 100 acres of land in exchange through Levine. Billy tells Lydia he is going to expose Marshall's crooked deals.

CHAPTER XIV

The Investigation Begins

Lydia admitted to herself that for years something within her had been demanding that she take a stand on the Indian question, something to which Charlie Jackson and Billy had appealed, something which Kent and John Levine had ignored. Yet neither Charlie nor Billy had really forced her to a decision.

Bit by bit she went over her thinking, line beginning with her first recollection of Charlie Jackson in the class in civit government, and all that was feminine and blind devotion in her fought desperately with all that education and her civic-minded forefathers had given her.

Coming home from her last recitation, one mild afternoon, she stopped at the gate and looked up into the pine tree. And there with the loving of the Norton herds and the hoarse call of the crows mingling with the soft voice of the pine and the lapping of the lake, she made her decision. For clearly as though the pine had put it into words, something said to Lydia that it was not her business to decide whether or not the Indians deserved to live. It was her business to recognize that in their method of killing the Indians, the whites had been utterly dishonorable. That her refusing to take a stand could not exonerate them. And finally, that by closing her eyes to the facts, because of her love for Levine, she was herself sharing the general guilt.

It was Lydia's first acknowledgment of her responsibility to America, and it left her a little breathless and trembling. She turned back to the road and made her way swiftly to the Norton place.

"Billy," she said, panting, her cheeks bright and her yellow hair blowing. "I'm against the Indian grating."

Billy put out his hand, solemnly, and the two shook hands. For all

they were very, very young, so young that they believed that they could fight single-handed the whole world of intrigues and greed in which their little community was set. And yet, futile as they may seem, it is a young decision such as these that the race craves upward.

"What are you going to do, Billy?" asked Lydia.

"I'm going to get a government investigation started, somehow," he replied. "I'll take time, but I'll get it. It'll be lovely muckraking, Lyd!"

"I hate to think of it," she said unsteadily. "Lizzie is miserable, today. Will you tell your mother, Billy, and ask her to come over to see her this evening? I mustn't stop any longer now."

Poor old Lizzie was miserable, indeed. For years, she had struggled against rheumatism, but now it had bound her, hand and foot. Ma Norton came over in the evening. Lizzie was in bed shivering and flushed and moaning with pain.

"Ma waited till Lizzie slept, then she told Lydia and Amos that Doctor Fulton had better be called, and Amos, with a worried air, started for town at once.

Doctor Fulton shook his head and sighed.

"She's in for a run of rheumatic fever. Get some extra hot water bottles and make up your mind for a long siege, Lydia."

And it was a long siege. Six weeks of agony for Lizzie, of nursing and housework and worrying for Lydia. Ma Norton and the neighbors gave what time they could, but the brunt, of course, fell on Lydia.

Billy called every evening on his way home to supper. John Levine sat up two or three nights a week. Kent came out once a week, with a cheery word and a basket of fruit. And at frequent intervals, the Marshall surrey stopped at the gate and Elviry or Dave appeared with some of Elviry's delicious cookery for Lydia and Amos.

During all this time she said nothing to Billy about his muckraking campaign. He finished his law course in June and entered ex-Senator Alvord's office as he had planned. There was another election in the fall and John Levine was returned to congress, this time almost without a struggle.

Like a bomb, late in December fell the news that the Indian commission had been called before a senate committee to answer questions regarding the relations of Lake City to the reservation, while following close on the heels of this announcement came word that a congressional commission of three had been appointed to sit at Lake City to investigate Indian matters.

"Billy, how did you do it?" asked Lydia, in consternation. He had overtaken her one bitter cold January afternoon, on her way home from college.

"I didn't do much," said Billy. "I just got affidavits, dozens of them, showing frauds, and gave them to Senator Alvord. He has a lot of influence among the senators and is a personal friend of the President."

Lydia's lips were set tightly as she plodded along the snowy road.

"Billy," she said, finally, "are you doing this to get even with Dave Marshall?"

"I'm doing it because I'm ashamed of what New Englanders have done with their heritage. And I'm doing it for you. To make a name for you. You are going to marry me, some day, Lydia."

"I'm not," said Lydia flatly.

Billy laughed. "You can't help yourself, honey. It's fate for both of us. Come along home! You're shivering."

"When you talk that way, I hate you!" exclaimed Lydia, but Billy only laughed again.

The commissioners sat for months and in that time they exposed to the burning sun of publicity the muck of thievery and dishonor on which Lake City's placid beauty was built.

Marring after marriage of squaws with Lake City citizens was unearthed, most of these same citizens also having a white family. Hundreds of tracts of lands that had been obtained by stealing or by fraud from full bloods were listed. Bags of candy, bits of jewelry, bolts of cotton had been exchanged for pine worth thousands of dollars.

It was a nerve-racking period for Lake City. Whether purposely or not, the net did not begin to close round John Levine till toward the end of the hearing. Nor did Levine come home until late in the summer, when the commission had been sitting for some months.

In spite of a sense of apprehension that would not lift, the year was a happy one for Lydia. In the first place, she went to three college dancing parties during the year. In the second place, Kent asked her to go with him to the last party and to Lydia's mind, a notable conversation took place at that time.

"Thanks, Kent," said Lydia, carelessly, "but I'm going with Billy."

"Billy! Always Billy!" snorted Kent. "Why, you and I were friends before we ever heard of Billy!"

"Yes," returned Lydia calmly. "You've always liked me as I have you. But you've always been ashamed of my clothes. I don't blame you a bit, but you can imagine how I feel about Billy, who's taken me, clothes or no clothes."

It was Kent's turn to flush.

"Hang it, Lyd, I've been an infernal cad, that's all!"

"And," Lydia went on, mercilessly, "I've got nothing to wear now but the same old graduating dress. I suppose you were hoping for better things?"

"Stop it!" Kent shouted. "I deserve it, but I'm not going to take it. I'm asking you for just one reason and that is, I've waked up to the fact that you're the finest girl in the world. No one can hold a candle to you."

There was a sudden lilt in Lydia's voice that did not escape Kent as she answered laughingly. "Well, if you feel the same after seeing Margery this summer, I'll be glad to go to one of the hops next fall with you, and thank you, deeply, Mr. Moulton."

"All right," said Kent, soberly. "The first hop next fall is mine and as many more as I can get."

It was late in the spring and after the conversation with Kent, that it



"All Right," said Kent soberly.

began to be rumored about town that ex-Senator Alvord's office was at the bottom of the Indian investigation.

Accused Billy of this openly, one Monday afternoon at Lydia's.

"I'm willing to take the blame, if necessary," said Billy.

"Nice thing to do to your friends and neighbors, Billy," Kent went on. "What the deuce did you do it for?"

Billy shrugged his shoulders and said nothing. Kent appealed to Lydia.

"Would you have gone to parties with him if you'd known what he was doing to his town, Lydia?"

"Kent, I knew it," said Lydia, after a pause.

"You knew it! You let a lot of sickly sentimentality ruin Lake City in the eyes of the world? Not only that. Think what's coming to John Levine! Think what's coming to me, though I've done little enough!"

"Then I'm glad it came to stop you while you're still done little!" cried Lydia. "Oh, there's Margery! Isn't she lovely!"

It was Margery, just home from boarding school, where she gaily announced as she shook hands she had been "finally finished."

"Margery," cried Lydia, "you're so beautiful that you're simply above envy. What a duck of a dress!"

"Isn't it!" agreed Margery. What were you all discussing so solemnly when I interrupted?"

"Indian graft!" said Billy, laconically.

"Isn't it awful! Oh, Billy, by the way, daddy says he thinks Senator Alvord started the whole thing. Did he?"

"Yes, and I helped," replied Billy shortly.

"Well, I think you ought to be ashamed of yourself," cried Margery, airily. "Don't you, Lydia?"

"No, I don't, I'm proud of him, though I'm scared to death," said Lydia.

"Well, I just tell you, Billy Norton," there was a sudden shrill note in Margery's voice, "if anything really horrid is unearthed about daddy, I'll never speak to you again. Would you, Kent?"

"I don't intend to anyhow," replied Kent, coolly. "Yet me take you home in my tool-toot."

"But I just got here," protested Margery.

"It's now or never," said Kent, rising. "I've got to run along."

"Oh, if it's that serious!" Margery took Kent's arm. "By-by, Lydia! Come over and see my new dresses."

After they were gone, Billy sat up and looked at Lydia. "Lydia," he said, "I'm going to quit. You know I've worked with Charlie Jackson right along."

"Quit? But Billy, why I—I didn't think you minded Kent and Margery that much!"

"I don't mind them at all. But Lydia, I don't yesterday my father got one hundred and twenty acres from a ten-year-old full-blood boy for five dollars and a bicycle. Last week Charlie unearthed a full-blood squaw from whom your father had gotten two hundred and forty acres for an old sewing machine and twenty-five dollars. I've done so much for the Indians and Charlie is so fond of you that he'll shut these Indians up, but I can't go on, after that, of course."

"Yes, you'll go on, Billy," Lydia's voice was very low. "After I faced what would come to John Levine through this, I can face anything."

Billy gave a little groan and bowed his head on Lydia's knee. Suddenly she felt years older than Billy. She smoothed his tumbled blond hair.

"I told you all the battles of the world were fought for a woman," she said. "Dear, I'll go on, though I'll break mother's heart."

"It won't break her heart," said Lydia. "Women's hearts don't break over that sort of thing."

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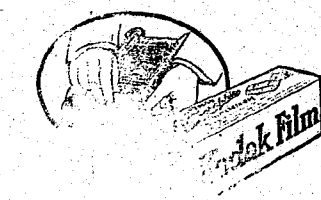
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After a continuous fall of snow for over forty hours, the small town of Bethel was covered with a pure white mantle on the day before Christmas.

Over the hills the tinkling sound of sleigh bells was music upon the frosty air of the early winter morning, as Judge John Walwright looked out of the chamber window of his farmhouse. As he peered out of the little panes of glass with their tiny draperies of snow he saw Jasper Jones with his two-hitch plow breaking a way through the narrow Main street of the town, while an occasional salute of "Good mornin', Jasper!" came from neighbors as they shoveled paths from their gateposts.

"Reckon we'll have a real Christmas—snow nearly two feet deep—came down pretty heavy!" remarked Jasper.

The words "a real Christmas," with the sound of sleigh bells, rang all day long in the ears of Judge Walwright, even after he had finished his supper in company with his wife and son Roland. "Rolley" and his wife, Marion, lived with Judge and Mrs. Walwright. Marion, being somewhat ill in her room, was unable to join in the evening meal.

After supper Judge Walwright climbed the handsomely carved old colonial staircase, and when he had reached the seat on the landing he sat for a moment on the red velvet cushion to glance down at the hall with the tall clock ticking merrily and the log fire snapping happily, its rosy glow painting the white walls and their decorations of greenery—such a picture! And the Christmas joy of the olden days came to him. He had romped on these same stairs with a happy heart, with his sister Lucy at his heels. Yes, Lucy—there was the one shadow on the joys of Christmas Eve. Lucy had married against the wishes of her family, and as a result none of the family were on speaking



Looked Out of the Dormer Window Upon the Night.

terms with her. Lucy, a widow, feeble, but graceful in her age of seventy-five years, lived in the little cottage on the Walwright estate, cut off with a very slight income by the will of her father, John Walwright.

Judge Walwright went up to his study and looked out of the dormer window upon the night. The sky was clear and a large star shone brightly above the distant hill of pine trees and all the other stars seemed to twinkle happily about it. The loveliness of the landscape charmed him, from any other thoughts, a light very low and lay near the window.

He realized he had fallen excited voice of Sarah, aid, called to him that "done took very sick."

It was midnight hour when Judge Walwright again stood by his study window and glanced out again into the night. The big star was high and luminous and long beams seemed to stream from it as it hung aloft, over the little town of Bethel. A new joy had come into the judge's heart, for a new-born babe had come into the home. And as he turned from the window he glanced at a pictured motto on the wall, placed there by his own mother. It read: "Blessed Are the Peacemakers, for They Shall Be Called the Children of God." Speedily the bitterness toward poor Lucy which had been in his heart for so many years had departed and the tears came to his eyes. He determined then to make the grandest peace upon the Christmas day. He would call upon Lucy himself, ask for her forgiveness and announce the glad tidings of a son—God in a day of real Christmas rejoicing, upon which the spirit of the man who said "Peace upon earth" rested and the little town of Bethel had its share in the advent of a new citizen—John Walwright, III.

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The American Santa Claus is a corruption of the Dutch San Nicholas. G. H. Hughes says: "Santa Claus, the name, derived from Saint Nicholas through the familiar use of children in Teutonic countries, crossed to America. The direct route followed by him is somewhat open to question. On the way he traded his gray horse for a reindeer and made changes in his appearance."

READY TO COLLECT TAXES
I will be at the Treasurer's office in the Court house beginning Monday, December 6th to collect taxes for the Township of Grayling. The hours will be from 8 a. m. to 12:00 o'clock noon; and from 1 to 5 p. m. Also on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings.

CARL J. JENSON,
Township Treasurer.

We'll say this much in favor of winter—it puts an end to the channel swimmers.

Housework Worth \$900 a Year, but—

Nine hundred dollars a year is the value of the average housewife's services in the home, and statistics show there are 20,700,000 women engaged in housework, according to Mrs. Leonard Z. Meder, prominent Chicago woman lawyer and economist.

"The wife," said Mrs. Meder, who was former commissioner of public welfare of Chicago, "is an executive, purchasing agent, budget expert, and producer rolled into one. The successful home maker studies food values. She arranges her budget so that the food she buys will have all the necessary body building qualities."

"The woman who would keep down her food bill will do better to spend her money on milk and green vegetables than on butter, though butter is one of the best sources of the essential food element, vitamin A. There are—butter substitutes, but nothing can take the place of milk and vegetables."

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Dated September 22nd, 1926.

FRANK GOBLET,
Mortgagee.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Grayling, Michigan.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payments of a certain mortgage executed by Joseph A. Denno and Elenor Denno, to Laura Elte Wagner, dated September 15, 1923 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, on November 26, 1923 in Liber H of mortgages on page 364. On which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of \$2,204.14 and attorney fees, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore the said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the premises hereinafter described by reason of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, which sale will be at public auction at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, (that being the place where the circuit court for said county is held), on the 29th day of December, 1926, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which premises described in said mortgage are as follows: The north half of the northeast quarter and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section ten, town twenty-five north, range four west, Beaver Creek township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated September 22nd, 1926.

LAURA ELTE WAGNER,
Mortgagee.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Mortgagee,
Grayling, Mich.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payments of a certain mortgage executed by J. W. Turner and Eliza Turner, husband and wife, W. I. Loving, dated January 5, 1916, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Crawford County, Michigan, on February 15, 1916 in Liber I of mortgages on pages 183 and 184, which mortgage was assigned to Robert A. Watson, on January 28, 1920, said assignment being recorded in said Register of Deeds office on February 25, 1920 in Liber F of mortgages on page 522, on which mortgage there is now due for principal, interest and taxes the sum of \$566.67 and attorney fees, and no suit or proceedings having been instituted at law or in equity to recover the debt now due on said mortgage or any part thereof. Therefore, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises hereinafter described, which sale will be at public auction at the front door of the court house in the village of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, (that being the place where the circuit court for said county is held), on the 18th day of December, 1926, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, which premises described in said mortgage is as follows: The southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section nineteen, township twenty-seven north, range two west, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Dated September 22nd, 1926.

ROBERT A. WATSON,
Assignee of mortgage.

MERLE F. NELLIST,
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage,
Grayling, Michigan.

MORTGAGE SALE

Default having been made in the payments of a certain mortgage executed by Walmer Jorgenson, a single man, to Andrew Hart, Administrator of the estate of George

Farm Bureau Notes

R. D. Bailey, Co. Agricultural Agent



"Equally bad as the soil robber is the soil killer, the man who kills and deadens the soil by ruthless methods, who farms large areas by slashes and stabs; who takes and never gives back to the soil; who farms extensive acres but harvests little yields. He is in New England where his hay yields him a quarter to a half ton per acre. He is in the south; here his quarter of a bale of cotton per acre is produced at a loss. He is in the west, where his corn is but 'twenty' and his wheat but 'thirteen' and neither grown at a profit.

"You cannot afford to be classed with this tribe. Yours must be another caste if you bear any respect for your family or yourself.

"Take up the better way, the way of doing things right and square and manly. Farm wisely, that you may be a man, a wise man at work with nature, in sympathy with her laws and decrees.

"Take the sullen and stubborn soil and render it so gentle and pliable and responsive that, henceforth, it will do your will." C. W. Burket, Director, Kansas Experiment Station.

Begin on Next Years Crops
Begin on next years crops! Save manure now for the crops of 1927! All the liquid manure that runs through stable floor, or is dropped in barnyards this winter is gone forever as far as you are concerned.

Can You Afford This Loss?
A ton of liquid manure contains a little more fertilizing value than a ton of solid. Why waste it? Who among us can afford that loss? Yet we have farmers who are wasting tons of liquid manure each year while their farms steadily grow poorer, and the farmer probably buys feed!

By no kind of courtesy can you call that good management. It is childish. It is financial suicide.

We have farmers who say they are too poor to take the county paper, yet they will waste fifty dollars worth of liquid manure this winter. They wasted fifty dollars worth last summer by yarding stock in groves, lanes or barnyards through the night.

Fix It
With all the stormy days we have had this fall, in which a man could not work out doors, there is little or no reason why we all could not have found time to work in the barn, protected from bad weather, and to have put in a simple cement gutter back of cows and horses. In the fall the writer called the attention of all to the wisdom of doing so.

The cost for the average farmer is too small to be considered. Two or three sacks of cement is all. No skilled labor necessary. The farmer could cut a strip out of the old floor

18 inches wide back of the cows, put in cement and shape it up to leave a trough or gutter that would allow a "square pointed" shovel to be slid along in cleaning out, and there you are. One day's work would cut the strip out of the old floor. Another day's work would put in the cement, that would go on saving liquid fertilizer, liquid gold, for years.

Often Done.
This is no foolish dream. Thinking farmers in large numbers are coming to realize the value of liquid manure, and are saving it. They think like this: "As long as it's here, why not save it and let it grow crops for me?"

Pelion upon Ossa.
We put in this rather highfalutin head just for fun. Those words are the names of mountains away off in another part of the world. In olden times when they wanted to express the fact that a person was making trouble for himself, people said that he piled Pelion upon Ossa, one mountain upon another.

The writer fears that we have some among us who pile Pelion upon Ossa—one trouble upon another—make for themselves troubles that could easily escape. The farm does not pay well. The land does not sacrifice the farmer buys a lot of feed in the winter, using money that he cannot really spare. He becomes disgusted with farm life. He talks of quitting. Some do quit. Such farmers have "piled Pelion upon Ossa."

They have had troubles that they should have avoided. The land that was rather light could have been helped a great deal by sowing vetch and rye (cheap) in the fall and plowing under in late spring but, it was not done. The land that was rather light could have been helped by more care of the solid manure produced by the stock. But, no; it was allowed to be dropped in summer in groves, barnyards and lanes, where cattle were yarded nights, from early spring until late fall. In winter it was thrown through a window in the side of the barn, where it would pile up under the eaves and leach probably half its strength away, and be so frozen in the spring that it could not be handled until late, and made everything else late that season.

The land that was rather light could have been greatly helped to produce the feed that was bought by saving the liquid manure that now runs to waste in a regular Niagara—saved summers by pasturing nights on a lot that can be cropped sometime—saved by a good cement gutter in winter.

We write of this matter now, at the beginning of the winter, so that these mistakes in handling farm fertilizers may be avoided all this winter. No use locking the barn after the horse is stolen. "Foresight is better than hindsight."

SCHOOL NOTES

Editors: Janice Bailey, Edward Mason, Ethel Taylor.

Thursday evening, December 9th, the High School debating team meets West Branch at our auditorium. Admission for high school pupils is 15 cents, adults 25 cents. West Branch has a fine team and the contest with our well coached team is expected to be interesting.

If Queen Marie had made her tour by airship many parachutes would have been needed.

A quaker meeting was held in room 40 last Friday Dec. 3rd, and lunch was served. The meeting was very successful.

Dear Readers:
The truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, is published in this column so please do not question any article published hereafter. Sincerely,
The Editors.

A Perfect Day
As Outlined by a Boy.

10 a. m.—G. gradual rising.
10:10—Snap fingers at wash bowl.
10:30-11:00—Breakfast of stack of flapjacks and a pile of maple syrup.
11:10—Given a fever to spend.
11:20—Meet and lick belly of the neighbor.
11:45—Meet sweetheart and ride with her in the Lincoln.
12:00—Lunch. Eat as much as he likes.
2:00 p. m.—Give exhibition of fancy diving.
3:00-5:00—Caddy for Coolidge.
5:00-6:30—Play with White House Pet.
6:00—Dinner at expensive restaurant with Uncle George.
8:00—See combination movie of Charlie Chaplin, Jackie Coogan and Douglas Fairbanks.
11:30—Attend midnight circus instead of going to bed.

Some people elbow through life, others never even push.

Alva S.—"Can you imagine anything worse than cooties?"
Lewis E.—"Yes, suppose you had them and they chirped."

"Children," said Miss Harrison, "be diligent and steadfast, and you will succeed. Take the case of Geo. Washington. Do you remember my telling you of the great difficulty

George Washington had to contend with?"
Clinton M.—"Yes, ma'am. He couldn't tell a lie."

One way to spell success is w-o-r-k.

9 more school days 'til Xmas!

Basket Ball
Failure of our green team to organize a standard of play caused our team to lose to Mackinaw last Saturday.

Frederick Mason has been elected President of the eighth grade class. Other officers will be chosen later.

Barber—"Do you want a hair-cut?"
Stanley S.—"No, I want them all cut."

Lacey—(combing his hair) "Look my hair is full of electricity."
Shirley—"Why yes, it is connected to a dry cell."

Contributed by the High School Poet.

If a Hottentot tot taught a Hottentot tot to talk e'er the tot could totter, ought the Hottentot tot to be taught to say ought or naught, or what ought to be taught her?
If to hoot and to toot a Hottentot tot be taught by a Hottentot tot, should the tot get hot if the Hottentot tot hoot and toot at the Hottentot tot?

Don't save all your smiles for the parlor. Use a few in the kitchen.

Alva S.—"I am so happy, I can't help breaking into song."
Marie S.—"Get the key and then you won't have to break in."

Dad—"Where were you last night?"
Edward—"Just riding around with the boys."

Dad—"Well, you better return this vanity case one of the boys left in the car."

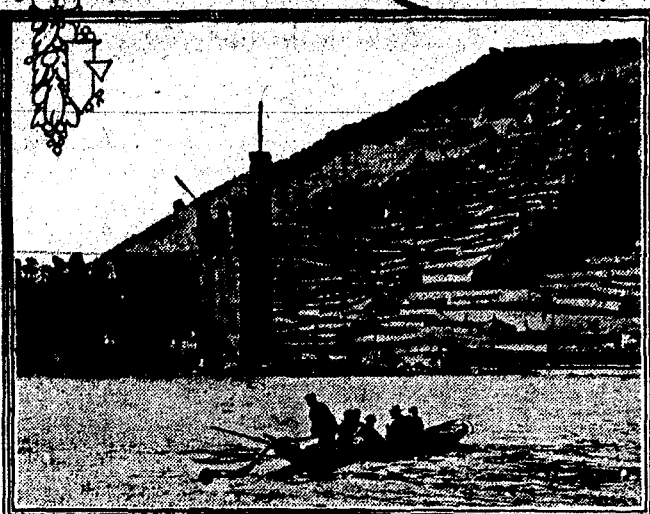
Can't Work Nights

LAVOPTIK HELPS TIRED EYES

"Night work made my eyes tired. They were red and blood-shot. After using Lavoptik, pains are gone and eyes are clear."—J. A. Chew.

Lavoptik makes tired and weak eyes feel strong and fresh. Helps eye pains and inflammation surprisingly quick.
Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

UP THE RHINE



Terraced Vineyards and Old Castles.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.)

TRAVELING up the Rhine on a canal boat is a somewhat comfortable way of traversing the German valley, but it affords a matchless shifting viewpoint for an enjoyment of the stream's justly famous scenery. After passing through the flat Dutch landscape one enters Germany near Emmerich and promptly begins to stumble on the German legends that cluster thickly on both banks of the Rhine. Nearby is Lohegrin's monument to commemorate the traditional rescue of Elsa by the knight. At a little distance, at Xanten, is the reputed birthplace of Siegfried, hero of the "Nibelungenlied."

Steaming further upstream one soon realizes that he is approaching the Ruhr district by the endless procession of barges, banked high with coal. The most spectacular time to pass the Ruhr is at night. The light of the up-leaping flares from its blast furnaces from time to time momentarily throws into relief that vast labyrinth of wharves, stacks, mills, railway tracks, and pit heads, where labor more than 2,000,000 men.

Oberhausen, Essen, Rheinhausen, Duisburg, Ruhrort, Melderich—these industrial centers follow so closely upon each other as to produce one colossal effect. The last three comprise, in fact, one community, whose combined water fronts form what is probably the largest river harbor in the world.

The Ruhr district produces per year about 4,000,000 tons of pig iron and from 6,000,000 to 5,000,000 tons of steel. During 1924 its average monthly yield of coal was 8,000,000 metric tons. The five big groups of iron and steel manufacturers employ 1,500,000 men, while the coal workers number about 550,000.

The ancient compilers of the "Nibelungenlied," who fabled the Rhine underworld as alive with metal-working gnomes, would indeed rub their eyes could they behold how completely man's works on the Ruhr have dwarfed their poetic imaginings.

Cologne and Its Minster.
Quite a different spectacle greets one further along, where Cologne's great cathedral spires tower over the Rhine like two fingers pointing the surrounding city to heaven.

Whether by reason of its superb position or its commanding loveliness, Cologne minster dominates its city almost overwhelmingly. One comes to regard it as some gorgeous Gothic flower, and the town as merely the nourishing soil which brought it forth.

Radiating from the cathedral extend the tree-lined boulevards which, fifty years ago, arose out of Cologne the old, the crooked-alleyed, whose tumble-down city walls were then razed to comport with the dignity of this great Rhine port.

But whatever route one may take, whether through the fashionable shopping district or down through the few remaining alleys of gabled house fronts, the cathedral's twin spires beckon one to return. And time and again one does return, to wander, and alike, through those great, dim spaces where groves of columns rise through an eternal twilight. Far overhead the outflung files of stained glass gleam like a belt of sparkling jewels, while higher still are panes which infiltrate a pale-blue light.

It is as if the cathedral's interior were meant to typify a dark world down into which the radiance of heaven is always shining from afar.

Surprisingly, this masterpiece of Gothic architecture is in large part modern. It was begun in 1248 and languished for six centuries; then a fresh start was made in 1842. Legend relates that the original architect, Meister Gerhard von Rile, sold his soul to the Evil One, perished along with his plans, and continued to haunt the unfinished edifice until its completion, in 1880.

Above Cologne, at Rolandsee, are the remains of the castle where Roland died upon returning from the Crusades to find that his Hildebrand had entered a convent; and all along the winding stretch that leads to Coblenz are ruins and more ruins, each with its legend.

Rhine legend is a good deal like the fry that beautifies many a Rhine ruin, which, lacking the legend, would often be overlooked in favor of the river's ever-changing magnificence.

Neat Towns and Old Castles.
For a day the craggy heights con-

tinue, now lapsing horizonward, now reassembling along the banks, as if in successive efforts to choke the Rhine. And, bend after bend one sights red-roofed, slope-set towns. Each has its neat quay, its water-side inn, an ideal room for motor car or motor boat, jealously guarded from the encroachment of factory chimneys and advertising signs.

A momentary flattening of the banks shows Neuwied, the home of the Moravian Brothers' self-governing settlement and once the school town of George Meredith, who later novelized his German experiences in "Harry Richmond."

Then up shoots the left-hand bank, culminating in the fortress of Ehrenbreitstein. Opposite, wedged in triangularly at the confluence of the Rhine and the Moselle, lies Coblenz. Confluents, the Romans called the place. It has always been an important military stronghold, from the far-off days down to the occupation following the World war, when from early in December, 1918, to January 24, 1923, the Stars and Stripes flew from Ehrenbreitstein.

Just beyond Coblenz is cheery little Rhens. With its little street of half-timbered house frontages painted over with drab scenes, its carved gnomes and dogs upholding the door lintels, its swing signs announcing So-and-So, the "master builder" or "master tailor," Rhens seems less like a living town than like a stage setting for a market-place act of German opera.

On goes the boat up the river's magnificent, canyonlike course. But Rhine folk do not permit perpendicular scenery to interfere with the business of grape-growing. From Bonn to Mainz is an almost continuous vista of the vine—armies of grape-hung stakes rising on cliffs' flanks and in the valleys between—a riverside vineyard 90 miles long.

As you pass the Lurlei, any Germans aboard are sure to burst into Heine's line, "Ich weiss nicht was soll es bedeuten," but Americans are more likely to speculate as to whether the nymph's siren song, to have reached mariners passing 430 feet below her cliff, was transmitted by megaphone. Poor Lorelei! Her song has been supplanted by the locomotive's shriek, and her classic rock has been tunneled by unholy railway engineers.

The boat passes Bingen where the Legionnaire of the ballad was born, then anchors near the broad esplanade at Mainz.

The city is almost entirely modern, save for the cathedral and its surrounding market place, a scene which probably looks much as it did in the days of Mainz' two most distinguished citizens, Heinrich von Meissen, the poet, and Johann Gutenberg, the printer.

On to Strasbourg.
On and on one steams through the ever-changing scene until near Karlsruhe he comes to the point where France appears on the west bank. From this point for the next 30 miles to Strasbourg one steams along between French and German territory.

A stroll around Strasbourg will reveal, in a kind of lagoon where three canals meet, barges moving to and from such widespread points as Marseille, Paris, and Amsterdam. In fact, Strasbourg is a nexus of waterways. The Rhine, Rhine-Meuse, Moselle, and Rhone all contribute segments to a great circle of canals which has Strasbourg on its eastern circumference.

This ancient Celtic town still justifies, therefore, its historic name of Stratsburgum, or Town-on-the-Routes. At noon the visitor repairs to the cathedral to see the functioning of its curious astronomical clock, with its parading effigies of the Apostles, its crowing cock, its skeleton striker of the hours, its seven pagan deities symbolizing the days of the week—the whole suggesting the quaint conceits of German toy-makers.

As long like some ancient landmark between France and Germany, Strasbourg cathedral reveals, quite naturally, art influences of both countries. Its rich beauty was evolved throughout some 250 years by master architects from several countries; and its abutting tower displays at a dizzy height the scratched names of many distinguished pilgrims, including Voltaire and Goethe, from both sides of the Rhine. In these several senses it might be called an international cathedral.

Famous Garden Pride of New England City

The greatest garden in America is the Arnold arboretum at New Bedford, Mass., says the Pathfinder Magazine. Not only is it America's greatest, but it ranks among the most famous and important gardens of the world. James Arnold, a New Bedford merchant, died in 1830 and left a part of his estate to three trustees. They were instructed to apply the funds to the promotion and continuance of agriculture or horticulture improvement, or philosophical or philanthropic purposes, at their discretion. Two of these men were interested in trees and thought it important that knowledge of that subject be disseminated in America. So a scientific station for the study and cultivation of trees was decided on.

Of course this garden is a baby in years when compared with the great gardens of other nations. Its future, however, is assured. At present it consists of 250 acres of varied natural features of hill, valley, meadow and woodland. On this tract are growing over 300 genera of shrubs and trees. They include between 5,000 and 6,000 species and varieties.

Old Problem Leaves Room for Argument

The question of whether the bachelor or the married man lives the longer is one which has been discussed for a long time, but the problem today is still unsolved. After weighing the arguments of all investigators and comparing the bewildering array of statistics gathered in many countries under varying conditions, it is impossible to reach a conclusive answer. Many statisticians and other investigators who may qualify as experts on the subject hold views diametrically opposed to one another.

The answer to this question has a general and far-reaching influence. If it is established that the chances of long life are greater for bachelors than for the married, both men and women will naturally be influenced in choosing between the two states. The moralist finds such statistics the basis for argument. For the insurance companies the question is a very practical one. Before millions of dollars are risked upon the expectation of life, the most reliable figures obtainable are gathered, regardless of trouble or expense.

Memento of Covenanters

An historic document recalling the struggles of the Covenanters was recently sold in Edinburgh. The document in question is signed by such historical figures as Roderic, Montrose, Cassilis, Lothian, Wemyss, Yester, Boyd, Elcho, Lindesay, and Melville. The Linlithgowshire copy of the Covenant remained in the hands of the descendants of the laird of Dundas until 1924 when the document was purchased by Messrs. Baxendine from the late Sir Charles Dundas. The document, which is written on old parchment, is in a wonderful state of preservation. The owner has presented this framed copy to St. Giles' cathedral, and it has been accepted by the board of management.

Hoarding Not Thrift

There are people who enjoy saving money for no other reason than the pleasure of saving money. It is a passion like drink, and a hobby like collecting china. This is the old-fashioned view of thrift. Such saving is at best no more than a defense against life's uncertainties, but it provides nothing for a richer and more fruitful living that money can give. Mere hoarding is not enough. It is as unproductive as reckless spending. Between the two extremes lives the course that is profitable to the individual and the state equally. Every act of spending encourages some form of human activity.—Glasgow Herald.

Wyoming Fossil Land

Wyoming may become the Gobi desert of the United States. In search of the fossils of the gigantic mammals and reptiles of prehistoric ages, five universities have sent scientists and students to delve into the rocks of practically every part of the state. Wyoming was once a huge sea and recently there were uncovered a dozen fossils of huge prehistoric eels, fish to seventy-five feet long. They resembled the fabled sea serpents. Huge fossils of animals of the Jurassic period in the Mesozoic era have been discovered in central, northern and southeastern Wyoming.

Hair Tells Nationality

Scientists place a high value on hair as a guide to racial characteristics, the hairs having numerous variations of structure under the microscope, which can be clearly defined and classified like finger and other skin prints.

The hairs of a negro, a Chinese, an American Indian, and a Caucasian differ in quantity, color, structure, and growing habits, and so we are enabled to tell a man's nationality simply by studying his hair.

Sincerity Imperative

To make people believe what you say you must say what you believe. Sincerity is absolutely essential to successful pleading. Insincerity certainly creates doubt in the minds of others. Better say nothing at all if you cannot speak from honest convictions.—Grit.

Wife Takes Vinol Feels Fine Now

"I was weak and had no strength. Since taking Vinol, I feel fine now and do my work again."—Mrs. G. Barnesberger. The very FIRST week you take Vinol, you begin to feel stronger, eat and sleep better. Vinol is a simple, strengthening iron and cod liver compound in use for over 25 years by weak, nervous women, run-down men and sickly children. Contains no oil—pleasant to take. Mac & Gidley, druggists.

Principal Events In Grayling 25 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 25 YEARS AGO.

Thursday, Dec. 12, 1901.

Mrs. Carrie Charron was the lucky one in the raffle for the quilt offered by Mrs. Gough, last week. Jonas Metcalf sold his farm in Beaver Creek to his brother George, and moved to town.

Born—Tuesday, December 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. James Munhall, a daughter.

John C. Failing has bought a nice flock of sheep from George Hartman, and we predict, though they are fine now, they will lose nothing in his hands.

Miss Cobb, a public school teacher of Grayling, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lampke Thanksgiving and the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Lewis Saturday and Sunday.—Lewis Journal.

Alton Brott, of Tekonsha, has brought up his team, with corn and hay, and his household effects, and taken possession of his homestead on Sec. 6, T. 25 N., R. 3 W. He is in the district prescribed by the Detroit Journal as worthless.

Mrs. W. S. Chalker was a welcome visitor in town the latter part of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Ostrander are attending the meeting of the State Grange at Lansing this week.

Miss Jessie Owen is teaching school again, in the Wilcox district. She had just one Sunday for vacation.

Peter N. Failing, a brother of Jno. C., has arrived from Calhoun county, and returned on his homestead on Sec. 35 and 36, T. 26 N., R. 4 West. He has a good place and will make it talk, as that is the way the tribe is built.

Adelbert Hour, who called himself Frank Peck, got drunk, got badly pounded, got arrested by Joe Kraus, got sent to jail by Justice McCulloch for ten days in default of paying ten dollars fine.

The Social and Supper given by the members of the High School, last Friday evening, was an unqualified success in point of numbers and enjoyment, only the provisions ran short. Forty dollars was cleared and will make a nice start for their piano fund.

The alarm of fire, ever most appalling, but doubly so at midnight, startled our people last Saturday at 1 o'clock a. m. The engine room at the salt well was consumed, but fortunately the flames were controlled without further damage.

E. P. Richardson, of South Branch, was in town last Saturday, carrying his left arm in a cradle as though he thought highly of it. We are glad to know that he is doing nicely after his terrible accident, but his grit will pull him through a worse hole than this.

On the evening of December 5th, while Andrew Duryea was quietly sleeping, his home was invaded by a host of friends, to celebrate his

birthday. Music and congratulations preceded a fine feast at midnight, and delivery of some elegant presents as souvenirs of the day. Mrs. Duryea and Kitty Gregory were highly pleased with the surprise.

South Branch Items.
Mr. and Mrs. Biggs, of Detroit, are visiting her brother, Mr. John Corwin.

The dance at Mr. Cadys' Friday was enjoyed by all. He intends moving near Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Mattie Funch returned from Lawton last Thursday, after a six weeks visit with friends.

Mrs. Nina Richardson visited in Roscommon last Saturday.

F. P. Richardson has so far recovered that he went to Grayling Saturday.

Mrs. J. Funch, her son Boyd, and Mrs. Elta Nowlan, spent Sunday at C. I. Richardson's.

Mrs. W. Hickey is visiting friends in Jackson.

Charles I. Richardson is drawing hair to Grayling.

Boom for Johannesburg
Editor "Avalanche,"
Grayling, Mich.

Dear Sir:

We take pleasure in informing you that a company was organized at Johannesburg, called the Johannesburg Manufacturing Company, with a capital stock of \$275,000.00, all paid in, for the purpose of putting up a Veneer Mill, and manufacturing all kinds of veneers out of hardwood, such as Beech, Birch, Elm, Maple and Basswood. In connection with the veneer mill, there will undoubtedly be a basket factory, and perhaps some other items manufactured out of wood will be the order of the day.

The organizers of this company are R. Hanson, E. N. Salling, N. Michelson, James Rowen and Frank L. Michelson, who are also elected directors of the company. The executive officers of the company are Frank L. Michelson, general superintendent and general manager of the business, and James Rowen will superintend the manufacturing part of the business. This company has bought all the lands that Salling, Hanson & Co. owned in Town 30, N. 1 W., and Town 30, N. 2 W. Salling, Hanson & Co. will practically retain all their interest in this tract of timber which they originally had, except that in organizing the new company the name of the firm has been changed. Work will be commenced at once to construct the mill and in the spring a store and the necessary buildings in connection with a plant of this kind will be put up. It will mean a boom for Johannesburg and inside of a year there ought to be considerable of a town on the way.

Yours truly,
Salling, Hanson & Co.

Young Wife Afraid to Eat Anything

"I was afraid to eat because I always had stomach trouble afterwards. Since taking Adlerika I can eat and feel fine." (Signed) Mrs. A. Howard. One spoonful Adlerika removes gas and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Removes old waste matter from intestines which you never thought was in your system. Excellent for obstinate constipation.

Mac & Gidley, Druggists.

MAKING GOOD

The question for each man to settle is not what he would do if he had the means, time, influence and educational advantages; the question is what he will do with the things he has. The moment a young man ceases to dream or bemoans his lack of opportunities and resolutely looks his conditions in the face, and resolves to change them, he lays the cornerstone of a solid and honorable success.—Hamilton Wright Maibe.

News stories told how King Ben was back at Shiloh the next day after his arrest in his underclothes. We know a lot of the boys that didn't even have their underclothes after the state police got through with them.

1927 AUTO LICENSES

Auto licenses for the year 1927 are now on sale at the office of County Treasurer Wm. Ferguson. The last says "Don't forget to bring along your certificate of title when you come after your license."

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LOCAL NEWS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1926

Joseph Kessler was dismissed from Mercy hospital Saturday.
Wm. Weiss and family of River-view are moving into the old Insley residence on Peninsular avenue.

Many rooters are scheduled to accompany the Roscommon high school basketball team here tomorrow night. Let's have a big crowd out too.

If you want to see a thrilling basketball game, attend the one Friday night to be played between Grayling and Roscommon high school boys.

We must clear our coat racks and will sell regardless of cost. Come early and have your choice. At the Gift Shop. Redson & Cooley.

Fun! Fun! Fun! At the Cabaret party and dance at Temple theatre, Thursday night, Dec. 16th. Fine decorations and favors.

James, I have a lot of Christmas shopping to do, where shall I go for bargains? Why, to the Bargain Store, Deane's old stand.

For baked goodies and Christmas novelties stop at Mac & Gidley's drug store Saturday afternoon. Auspices St. Mary's Altar society.

Don't miss the debate tomorrow night, when Grayling and West Branch high school debating teams will try for honors in the second preliminary debate.

72 children were administered toxin anti-toxin at the school clinic Tuesday. Miss Winchell, county nurse, said it would be necessary to hold four clinics as a number entered Tuesday, when the second clinic was being given.

The Keeper of the Bees will be shown at Grayling Opera House, under the auspices of the Women's club Dec. 21 and 22. This is one of the best moving picture features of the day and comes very highly recommended. Don't miss it.

Sunday night was a real thriller for cold. The early Monday morning hours it got down to 15 below zero. Since then the temperature has been about what would be expected in December. Snow fell heavily all day Tuesday and Tuesday night and the ground was covered for about eight inches.

Pres. W. W. Lewis of the Grayling Board of Trade has sent out letters to all members asking for suggestions for operating the Board this year. This is a good time to let the Board know what we have under our hats and it may be assured that worthwhile suggestions that are possible and practical will be given the best of consideration.

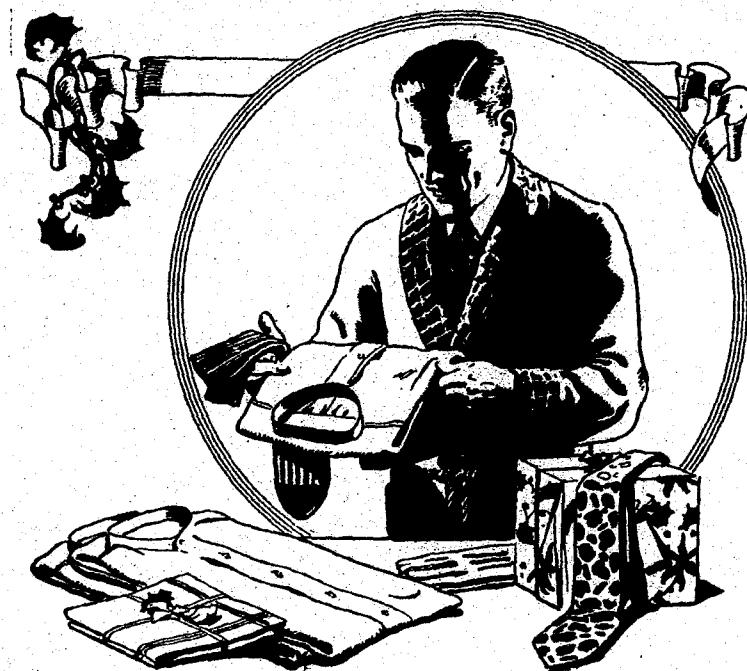
The Queen Esther Circle will have their Jello on sale at the Women's Home Missionary fair on Friday afternoon and evening, December 10th. It can be bought by the box, or made up ready to eat with whipped cream on; and there will be individual dishes of Jello which can be purchased as a part of your lunch at the sale. The girls will also have fancy work, aprons and holders to sell. Future orders for Jello will be received at this time.

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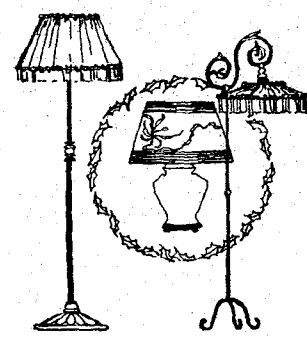
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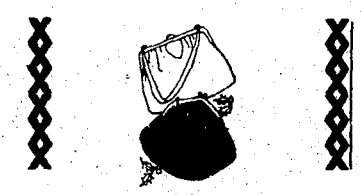
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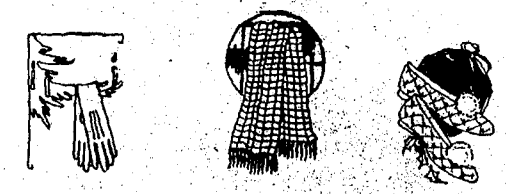


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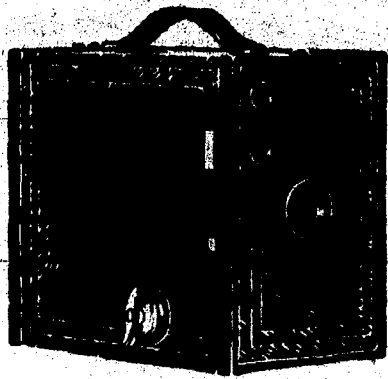


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Mrs. Ollie McLeod is able to be out again after her siege of rheumatism.

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All the stores have an extra nice stock of holiday goods on display, and have their display windows in holiday attire.

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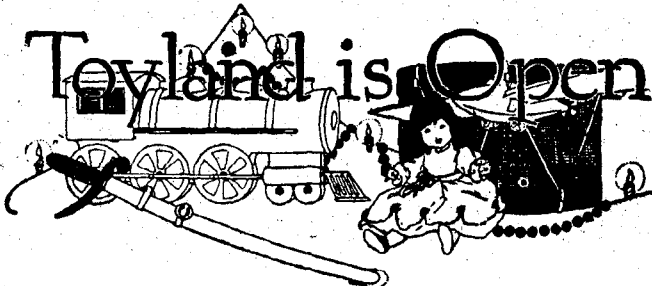
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STOCK SHOW STEER BRINGS \$3.60 POUND

Total of \$3,474 Is Paid for Rupert B, Grand Champ at Chicago Exhibit.

Chicago.—The Twenty-seventh annual International Live Stock exposition which has just closed here was the greatest in its history, not only from a point of attendance, but also for the high calibre of animals shown, indicating the progress being made in breeding live stock.

Canada made the best showing of years. Among the important victories the provinces scored were in the wheat and oats championships, getting the grand champion Clydesdale mare and stallion, as well as ribbons in other classes.

Chicago.—The world's record for beef was paid when H. B. DuPlan of Wilson and Company bid in at auction Rupert B, the grand champion steer of the International Live Stock show. Rupert B was owned by Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college at Stillwater. Mr. DuPlan bid \$3.60 a pound on the hoof, a total price of \$3,474. The steer was bought for the Shelbourne hotel, Atlantic City, N. J.

The previous best price for an international show champion was \$3 a pound, paid for Mah Jongg, the 1925 grand champion.

The bidding was lively, starting at 25 cents a pound, with 15 commission men seeking to buy the steer.

Another record was shattered when the grand champion carload lot of cattle, 15 Aberdeen Angus yearlings, owned by John Hubby of Mason City, Ill., was sold for 55 cents a pound. Armour and Company bought the carload for the Pennsylvania railroad, which will serve the prize beef on its dining cars at Christmas time.

The former record price for carload cattle was established in 1918, when a lot of Hereford steers, shown by J. W. Fraser of Radford, Ill., brought 50 cents a pound.

Nearly 100 Shorthorn bulls and cows were sold at a special auction. Cumberland Choice, bred and owned by Joseph Miller's Sons of Grange, Mo., brought the highest price of the sale, going to N. T. Findahl of Waterville, Minn., for \$875.

T. A. Russell of Toronto, Ont., paid the second highest price, buying Collynie White Ensign, bred by Easton and Ward of Dublin, Calif., for \$600.

Low prices prevailed for the cows, the \$440 paid by R. M. Lawson of Burke's Garden, Va., for Princess of Dundee, owned by E. D. Logsdon of Indianapolis, topping the sales.

Crews' Pride, owned by Ray Greathouse of Hindsboro, Ill., the champion steer in the junior feeding contest paid the highest price in the auction ring. Armour and Company paid 40 cents a pound for the junior champ.

Thomas J. Lux, twelve years old, won national corn-growing honors for the Lux family of Shelbyville, Ind., for the fifth time when he was crowned junior corn king of America at the International Live Stock exposition.

Canada regained its laurels when Herman Treille of Wembley, East River, Alberta, won the title of "Wheat King of North America." The Dominion also won in the seed classes.

The honor of junior live stock feeding champion went to Ray Greathouse, Hindsboro, Ill.

The grand champion of all breeds in the swine department went to Iowa State college on the Chester White. The reserve championship went to Purdue university on a Poland China.

Bushnell Bohemian was picked as grand champion stallion. He is owned by the Truman stud farm, Bushnell, Ind. Boro Flag, owned by T. A. Hudleston, Webster City, Iowa, was awarded reserve champion honors.

The first blue ribbon of the 1939 show was awarded to Broadus Black, pure-bred Aberdeen-Angus steer, owned by A. A. Armstrong & Son, Camargo, Ill.

Hamilton Little Wonder, shown by William E. Dee of Chicago, was chosen the grand champion hackney pony stallion. The Dee stallion was also winner in the contest for four-year-olds.

Close competition featured the class to decide the champion Shetland pony mare of the show, with the blue ribbon going to the West Baden Springs hotel on the three-year-old mare, Sadie Mae.

Otto W. Lehmann of Chicago joined the ranks of two-time winners of the French high commission challenge cup when Revellie, his five-year-old chestnut mare, captured the prize for the best saddle horse of the hunter type.

Mitzi, shown by George A. Strom of Chicago, was named the grand champion hackney pony mare, winning the blue ribbon from a classy field. The Strom pony was selected the best four-year-old mare.

Mrs. Goeltz scored a victory in the Shetland pony division, when Silver Crescent, her ten-year-old entry, was chosen champion stallion.

Don Degas, owned by G. A. Dix, Delaware, Ohio, earned the title as grand champion Percheron stallion after taking the awards for the junior championship and the best American-bred stallion.

Pennsylvania State college scored a clean sweep in the sheep contest, taking both the grand and the reserve championships of all breeds of fat sheep.

Michigan Happenings

Appropriation of \$78,000 by Daniel Guggenheim for completion of the aeronautical laboratory and for the establishment of the Daniel Guggenheim professorship of applied aeronautics at the University of Michigan has been announced at Ann Arbor. Of the appropriation, \$28,000 will be used to complete laboratory apparatus and to construct new testing and research instruments. The remainder of the appropriation will be paid in installments of \$5,000 a year over a period of ten years for the establishment of the professorship.

Development of the proposed Federal Highways 31 and 131, to provide two parallel north and south highways through Western Michigan, was given the support of the trustees of the Western Michigan Motor Club at their first meeting since the name of their organization was changed from the Grand Rapids Motor Club. Efforts will be made to have United States Highway 131, which now follows the route of M-13, extended from White Pigeon, Mich., to Bristol and Warsaw, Ind. and thence to Peru, Ind.

Group life insurance exceeding \$100,000,000 has been taken out by General Motors Corporation with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for more than 100,000 employees who have been on the pay roll three months or longer. The policy covers each worker for \$1,000 without medical examination. All new employees will become eligible after serving three months. General Motors has plants in 36 cities in the United States and Canada, and in 17 overseas countries.

The thirtieth anniversary of rural free mail delivery service in the United States was celebrated at the monthly meeting of the rural letter carriers' association of Kalamazoo County at Climax. Postal workers from all parts of Michigan were present. Tribute was paid to Willis Lawrence, one of three rural carriers who inaugurated the service Dec. 3, 1896. Lawrence is still carrying mail on the route which he started 30 years ago. In his 30 years Lawrence used 21 horses and three mules.

Fire, believed to have started from defective wiring, destroyed one barn and damaged two other structures on the large dairy farm near Hemlock, owned by former Representative Joseph W. Forney. The loss is estimated at \$40,000. Fire departments from Saginaw, Hemlock and Merrill responded to the blaze and prevented destruction of all the farm buildings. Farm employees and neighbors rescued prize cattle valued at \$20,000.

For the loss of her left leg, Mary Nagy, 16 years old of Monroe, obtained a judgment against the Michigan Central railroad of \$32,500. The girl was crossing Third street and the railroad at Monroe on June 29, last when two freight cars were suddenly coupled together, pinning her leg between the couplers of the car. Her father obtained a judgment of \$2,000 in addition for loss of her services during her minority.

Heralding the holidays, the first load of Christmas trees arrived in Detroit recently, and were inspected by United States customs agents. More than 1,800 trees arrived in the first shipment from Terrebonne county, Quebec, and more are expected until the holidays are over. The trees are inspected against a disease spread by the gypsy moth which is found in Canada.

Contracts for the construction of three grade buildings, costing \$287,825 have been awarded by the Adrian school board. The buildings to be constructed are one of 12 rooms on the west side, one of 10 rooms in the south part of the city, and another of eight rooms in the northeast part of the city. Construction will start immediately.

Whinnying and stamping of his team of farm horses brought aid to W. J. Flynn, of Marquette County, who was stricken with paralysis while caring for the animals. He was found by his small son, unconscious and lying between the horses, which were crowded to opposite sides of the stall, careful not to harm him.

Saginaw's junior board of commerce will further plans for establishing an airport in Saginaw, according to Arthur Waddock, president of the organization. The project was undertaken some time ago and temporarily dropped and it is understood that a new site for the airport will be proposed.

Fritz Gaisler, of Iron River, 44 years old, was instantly killed in the Rogers Mine as he was walking through a tunnel to the shaft, going off shift. Gaisler walked past a spot where another crew was dynamiting as three charges of dynamite were exploded.

Ferry service across the straits of Mackinac has been discontinued for the winter months. The ferries will be placed in dock at Cheboygan for the winter.

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Health Talk

By County Nurse

Grandmother, who lived in a dark unsentimental age, used to have a notion that all youngsters, at one time or another, had to have the measles, the mumps and a long string of other "diseases of childhood." She actually thought little of exposing her children to these ills, on the theory that the sooner the ordeal was over the better.

Most modern mothers laugh with science at Grandmother's health notions, but not without a little shudder of horror at tactics which seem now, as these diseases are not only unnecessary but that they often leave their mark upon the little victim, some minor defect, scarcely noticeable, which can crop up in later life as a dangerous disease.

"Lost rivers," these have been called by an eminent physician, Dr. Charles P. Emerson, Dean of the Indiana University School of Medicine. In a recent address Dr. Emerson declared that communicable diseases cause 25 per cent of the total deaths in the United States, with pneumonia, diphtheria, whooping cough, scarlet fever, measles and tuberculosis the leading five.

Communicable diseases, he states, are important because of their own intrinsic dangers which are many and serious and because they may cause important injuries, as, for example, deafness in one or both ears, due to scarlet fever, and because they have a definite relationship to the activity of other diseases not so definitely limited to childhood.

"Tuberculosis of the lungs," says this doctor an expert on public health,

"seems often to be fanned into flame by whooping cough; and, what is far more important, the chronic diseases of adult life seem in some measure determined by communicable disease which he had as a child." But permit Dr. Emerson to illustrate this point in his own words:

"Did you ever see a lost river; a small stream up somewhere in the hills which disappears under the ground to reappear as a river miles away and flow on? So you have seen a disease of childhood 'disappear.' That is, the child seems to be well for twenty years, not perfectly well, but to have no symptoms of any particular trouble, and then later to develop some chronic disease from which one seldom recovers."

"This is the serious aspect of the diseases of childhood. I now have reference to the diseases of young adult life; that time of life when we are in our prime, when we are trying to make our way in the world, to rear our children, when the problems of life are most serious to us, when we should have the best health we ever expect to have."

"In some cases, in very many cases, these are merely the streams issuing up in adult life, the springs of which were the infections of childhood which disappeared for a while, but which progressed later for fifteen or twenty years. Nearly always we find that the source of that hidden river disappeared when the child was eight years of age."

What are the methods, then, of self-protection against such diseases? The matter rests largely upon parents. Many contagious diseases disguise themselves as colds in the first stages and, thus masked, are in many instances more highly contagious than in later stages when the rash or cough has appeared. The moral is, of course, watch the child and keep him away from his playmates until you are sure everything is all right.

According to Dr. Emerson, the real problem in quarantine is this problem of the early cases. It is not so much the child who has scarlet fever who spreads scarlet fever, but the one who has the disease and yet has no fever and no scarlet skin. He estimates that one-third of all affected in an epidemic are infected through cases like these.



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